

Application No.: 10/595152

Case No.: 59031US003

Respectfully, the Examiner is requested to review the remarks at pages 10-11 of the response to final rejection where it was pointed out that the objections to claims 12-14 had been avoided by the amendment to claim 12. Claim 10 is the only remaining claim that had been rejected, and those remarks also point out that it has been amended by incorporating the limitations from cancelled claims 11, 15, and 16 as well as the limitation from the last two lines of allowed claim 31. The substantial differences between amended claim 10 and the two patents cited in the Final Office Action were discussed at pages 10-11 of applicant's response as well as the benefit (very high level of die slot uniformity) obtained by the die coater of claim 10 not foreseen by the prior art.

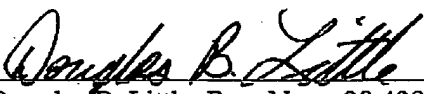
Upon reconsideration, it is urged that claims 10, 12-14, 24, 26-28 and 31, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested and a notification of allowability is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number noted below to address any questions he may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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